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SUBJECT: GOVERNING MAYOR'S VIEWS ON CURRENT PROBLEMS

AT MONTHLY MEETING WITH ALLIED COMMANDANTS SEPTEMBER 27,
GOVERNING MAYOR COMMENTED ON COUPLE OF CURRENT BERLIN
PROBLEMS:

A. NORTHERN CROSSING POINT

SCHUETZ THINKS GDR WILLING SELL "DUCKBILL" TERRITORY
JUTTING INTO WEST BERLIN, WITHOUT WHICH PROPOSED FROHNAU
CROSSING POINT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE, BUT THEY HAVE INFLATED
AND GREEDY IDEA OF HOW MUCH MONEY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO
GOUGE OUT OF FRG/SENAT. THEY ARE ASKING GRAND TOTAL OF ABOUT
100 MILLION DM, WHEREAS HIGHEST SENAT/FRG PREPARED TO GO IS
45 TO 50 MILLION FOR WHOLE PROJECT. SCHUETZ ANTICIPATES LONG
HARD PRICE BARGAINING AND WOULD NOT FORECAST HOW LONG
THIS WOULD TAKE.

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B. ELECTRICITY FOR BERLIN

DECISION IS NEEDED AND EXPECTED TO BE MADE BY 12 OCTOBER WHERE BUILD NEW 600 MEGAWATT POWER STATION TO TAKE CARE OF WEST BERLIN'S SHORTER-TERM POWER NEEDS. SCHUETZ MADE CLEAR HE AND MAJORITY OF SENAT THINK BEST LOCATION ON BALANCE IS IN SPANDAU FOREST NEAR BORDER, RATHER THAN ASS-ON FACILITY TO PRESENT UPPER HAVEL STATION, EVEN THOUGH LATTER WOULD BE CHEAPER. FOR ONE THING, SCHUETZ SAID, UPPER HAVEL FACILITY COULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN ADDITIONAL 300 MEGAWATT EXPANSION, BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. HE SAID SENAT WOULD FIRST NEED MAKE FIRM DECISION, THEN PERSUADE SPANDAU AUTHORITIES TO AGREE, AS LAW PRESENTLY REQUIRES. LAW COULD BE AMENDED TO GIVE SENAT EMINENT DOMAIN RIGHTS LOCATE STATION AT ANY GIVEN SITE EVEN OVER OBJECTIONS LOCAL AUTHORITIES, BUT SENAT PREFERS ROUTE OF PERSUASION. SCHUETZ SAID PROBLEM WITH SPANDAU AUTHORITIES IS NOT THAT THEY ARE INEXORABLY OPPOSED TO NEW POWER STATION IN THEIR DISTRICT, BUT THAT THEY ARE BARGAINING HARD WITH SENAT FOR COUNTERVAILING CONCESSIONS TO SPANDAU, ALL OF WHICH COULD COST LOTS OF MONEY. HE ADDED FACETIOUSLY IT IS TOO BAD SENAT AGREED 2-3 YEARS AGO EXTEND SUBWAY TO SPANDAU; IF THIS HAD NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE IT COULD NOW BE GRANTED AS QUID PRO QUO FOR POWER STATION. WITH RESPECT LONGER-TERM POWER SUPPLY TO CITY, SCHUETZ SAID HE WOULD URGE FRG GOVERNMENT AFTER OCTOBER 3 ELECTION MAKE THIS FIRST PRIORITY SUBJECT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GDR AND PERHAPS OTHER EAST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. HE IS TALKING ABOUT EITHER GETTING GDR ACQUIESCENCE TO WEST BERLIN LINK OVER GDR TERRITORY WITH FRG GRID, OR ALTERNATIVELY, OF GETTING POWER ITSELF FROM GDR, POLAND, OR ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN EUROPE. GEORGE

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